

OFFICIAL WARNING



VIOLATION OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS

CASE NO.

OH11034

VIOLATOR

Customer # 2942

Certificate # 31-C-0221

Robert Sawmiller

Wildlife on Wheels

ADDRESS (Street, City, State, Zip Code)

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The Department of Agriculture has evidence that on or about **January 19, 2011 - March 21, 2011** you or your organization committed the following violation of Federal Regulations:

9 CFR, SECTION

Failure to

3.1 (a)

- **Construct housing facilities for dogs and cats so that they are structurally sound, maintained in good repair, protects animals from injury, contains animals securely and restricts other animals from entering.**

(The wolf hybrid enclosure has openings approximately 8 inches by 8 inches, 6 feet off the ground. Other opening is 4 inches by 3 inches, 2.5 feet off the ground.)

3.4 (b)(3)

- **Construct one or more outdoor facilities that are accessible and large enough for each animal to shelter from elements.**

(None of the dog houses have any type of weather breaks at the front of their enclosures.)**

3.9 (h)

- **Food receptacles must be used for dogs. Self-feeders may be used for the feeding of dry food. Keep self-feeders clean and sanitized to ensure there is no molding, deterioration, and caking of feed.**

(Dog and wolf hybrid food receptacles could not be assessed for cleanliness, wholesomeness and palatability because they were full of ice.)

9 CFR, SECTION

Failure to

3.127 (b)

- Provide natural or artificial shelter for all animals kept outdoors to protect and prevent discomfort from inclement weather.

(**Not enough dry bedding for the cougar and bears.

**Cement platforms for two juvenile bear cubs and one cougar are soaked with water.

**Bedding for the two juvenile bear cubs and one cougar are completely soaked with water.

**Cement floor for the bear cubs is covered in water.)

3.129 (a)

- Have food that is wholesome, palatable, and free from contamination and of sufficient quantity and nutritive value to maintain all animals in good health. The diet shall be prepared with consideration for the age, species, condition, size, and type of the animal. All animals shall be fed at least once a day except as dictated by hibernation, veterinary, treatment, normal fasts, or other professionally accepted practices.

(**Feed plan does not specify how much to give each animal.

**There was no cold storage or extra food on hand in case of emergency.)

3.129 (b)

- Have food and food receptacles, if used, sufficient in quantity and located so as to be accessible to all animals in the enclosure and shall be placed to minimize contamination. They shall be kept clean and sanitary at all times. If self-feeders are used, adequate measure shall be taken to prevent molding, contamination, and deterioration of eating of food.

(Some feed chutes are covered in bird feces.)

Titles 7 & 9 Code of Federal Regulations were promulgated to help prevent the spread of animal and plant pests and diseases and assure the humane treatment of animals. Since violations of the regulations can have serious and costly impact detrimental to the public interest, you are warned of this violation. Any further violation of these regulations may result in the assessment of a civil penalty or criminal prosecution. If you have any questions concerning this warning or violation, please contact the listed APHIS Official.

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